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SUBJ: VISIT OF KURDISH REP

REF: (A) TEHRAN 1658, B(B) STATE 38565

1. MARCH 10, KURDISH REP ALI-SULAIMAN CALLED ON
ACTING CHIEF, POLITICAL SECTION, TO INFORM US THAT HE WOULD BE
GOING TO LONDON FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND BE OUT OF TOUCH UNTIL
HIS APRIL 10 RETURN.

2. ALI-SULAIMAN REVIEWED REFUGEE SITUATION TO DATE, SAYING
LISTS HAD BEEN PREPARED FOR SEVERAL COUNTRIES WHICH AHD INDICATED
WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT KURDS. ADDED HE THOUGH FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF GERMANY WOULD TAKE 60, AUSTRALIA 20, AND CANADIANS "PERHAPS
20 OR 30."

3. REST OF KURDISH LEADERSHIP HERE, INCLUDING BARZANI FAMILY,
"WAITING FOR SOMETHING". EMBOFF PROBED WHAT THIS "SOMETHING"
MIGHT BE, BUT ALI SULAIMAN SKIRTED ISSUED. HE DID SAY KURDS
WERE WAITING AND HOPING THAT 1975 IRAN-IRAQ ACCORDS WOULD
BREAK DOWN, AND ASKED IF US HAD ANY VIEWS ON THIS. EMBOFF
REPLIED WE SAW NO REPEAT NO CHANGE IN WHAT APPEARED TO US A
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BASICALLY POSITIVE VIEW OF ACCORDS BY BOTH COUNTRIES.
ALI-SULAIMAN NOTED YOUNGER KURDS WERE SLIPPING BACK INTO
IRAQ AND TAKING UP GUERILLA STRUGGLE DESPITE FACT KDP
LEADERSHIP IN IRAN HAD NOT ADVOCATED THIS. IRAN IS NOT
TRYING TO STOP INDIVIDUALS WHO TRY TO SLIP THROUGH AS IT
DID BRIEFLY AFTER THE 1975 ACCORDS WERE SIGNED (COMMENT:
THIS WAS ALI-SULAIMAN'S VIEW OF PAST SITUATION NOT FULLY RE-

FLECTED IN EMB FILES.

4. KURDISH SITUATION IN IRAN STILL CONTINUES FAIR. GOI
WILL NOT REPEAT NOT LET KURDS CHANGE CITIES OF EMPLOYMENT
WITHOUT PRIOR POLICE APPROVAL. THIS HAS REPORTEDLY WORKED
HARDSHIP IN INDIVIDUAL CASES, BUT IS NOT A MAJOR PROBLEM.
TALES OF TREATMENT METED OUT TO KURDS WHO RETURNED TO IRAQ
ARE NOT REPEAT NOT GOOD, BUT NOT REALLY BAD EITHER. ABOUT
300,000 KURDS WERE MORE OR LESS FORCIBLY MOVED SOUTH SOME
TIME AGO, AND MANY ARE NOT IN GOOD SHAPE, BUT A LEAST THEY
ARE GETTING FED. ALI-SULAIMAN SAID IRAQI DELS HAVE
VISITED IRAN REGULARLY SINCE AMNESTY PERIOD LAST FALL, AND
IRAQI AMB HAS HELD SEVERAL TALKS WITH LOCAL KURDS.
THRUST OF ALL PRESENTATIONS HAS BEEN TO RETURN TO IRAQ.
ONLY A FEW KURDS HAVE GONE HOME AS A RESULT OF THESE
ENTREATIES, REST ARE JUST SITTING TIGHT FOR TIME BEING.

5. COMMENT: EXCEPT FOR BACKGROUND ON IRAQI APPEALS TO
KURDS AND CURIOSITY OVER 1975 ACCORDS, LITTLE NEW BEYOND
REF A. ALI-SULAIMAN AGAIN ASKED WHAT US REFUGEE PLANS
WERE, AND UPON HEARING WE HAD NO WORD, RENEWED HIS APPEAL
FOR USG TO ACCEPT 500 OR MORE REFUGEES.
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